

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas J. LA ROSA *et al.*

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants and
Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement

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Examiner: Phuong T. Bui

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Amendment and Response to Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2008

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2008 ("Final Office Action").

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